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BUSINESS ARMY MOBILIZES FOR FOREIGN TRADE

Extension and Improvement of Government's Foreign Commercial Service Favored.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The referendum which was issued to the constituent members of the chamber of commerce of the United States of America on November 15 requesting a vote upon a report of a committee which recommended the extension and improvement of the government's foreign commercial service, closed at midnight on Thursday, December 30, and the preliminary count of the votes has just been completed. Three hundred and seven commercial organizations, chambers of commerce and boards of trade in forty-two states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and the American chambers of commerce in Berlin and Milan took part in the ballot. This is the tenth referendum conducted by the chamber of commerce of the United States with the purpose of ascertaining for the benefit of Congress and the executive the business opinion prevailing throughout the country on questions of national and immediate importance. There were 719 votes in favor of the committee's findings and six votes against it, each organization being entitled to from one to ten votes, according to its membership. These results have just been given out by Elliot H. Goodwin, the general secretary of the national chamber.

Of Benefit to Business Men.
As a result of the affirmative vote the national chamber now stands committed—and will work for—changes which are expected to be of benefit to business men through the strengthening of the consular service, of which Wilbur J. Carr is director—in the department of state—and the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, of which Dr. Edward E. Pratt is chief, in the department of commerce.

An increase in staff and appropriations for the Washington headquarters of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce was favored by a vote of 875 to 19. There was almost the same endorsement for the appointment of a director of the field service and separate appropriations for collection and exploitation of samples, the distribution of American literature abroad, and more liberal traveling expenses. The national chamber organizations favored increased appropriations for immediate and special investigations, New Commercial Attaches and Trade Commissioners.

A vote of 848 to 23 advocated the appointment of five new commercial attaches and distinction between attaches and trade commissioners. Commercial attaches and trade commissioners would perform substantially the same functions, but attaches should be sent only to the more important countries in which the United States maintains embassies and legations, while trade commissioners are

advocated for smaller countries or a group of countries and for the subordinate dominions and colonies of the great commercial nations. The new commercial attaches, along with one recommended to be transferred from Australia, are intended to cover Italy, Scandinavia, Spain, Austria, Japan and Turkey. The creation of the new position of foreign trade commissioner and the appointment of commissioners to at least six countries abroad was favored by even a larger vote. The countries in mind for trade commissioners were Australia, where a trade commissioner would replace a commercial attaché, New Zealand, South Africa, British India, Greece, the Balkan states, East Indies and Central America.

Special endorsement was given to the matter of promoting commerce in Latin America. It is generally believed that with the close of the European war, we may be able to hold against European competitors a goodly proportion of the markets for American products which we have now gained in Latin American countries. The committee report which urged that the appropriation of \$75,000 for 1916 should be substantially increased.

Evidently business sentiment was in favor of the continuance of the present eight branch district offices of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce under separate appropriation and not as at present out of the limited appropriation for the promotion of commerce. The committee recommended against the establishment of additional branch district offices, believing them to be unnecessary. The vote on this question was 847 in favor and thirty-eight opposed. There was an endorsement of the appointment and promotion of members of the field service in accordance with the civil service law.

Needs of Consular Service.
The largest vote was cast in favor of the Americanization of the consular service, adequate clerical assistance, elevation of eleven consular agencies to consulates and establishment of fifteen consulates where there are now no American consular representatives of any sort, and more adequate and frequent inspection of consular offices. Eight hundred and seventy-seven votes were tabulated for the affirmative and only eight against the proposition. The committee report in respect to the consular service, which the national chamber endorsed, advocated better found. These were on the very crest of the arch. In one of them thirty-four feet of Berea was passed through about Arnoldburg and on Crummin run several tests have been made. In one of them the operator thought he had a large well in the Gordon, and shut down as soon as the sand was struck to erect tankage. Further

INDUSTRIAL PLANTS TO COST 12 MILLION

drilling revealed only two feet of sand, which showed considerable oil but not sufficient to make a paying producer. The second venture was dry. These tests were some two miles east of the crest of the arch.

"Several deep wells drilled in Calhoun county have discovered only a thin Gordon sand, and the general belief is that it does not exist in as important part of the oil group in this section. In the eastern part, however, it might be found, as it lines up fairly well with Gordon developments to the northeast."

"There may be no more oil fields found in Calhoun, but it does not look reasonable. Broad areas remain to be tested and with the knowledge that has already been gained of the sands and the anticlines of the country, the wildcat operator can lessen his chances of failure and the prospects favor success."

The members of the committee whose report was so heartily adopted are A. W. Shaw, of Chicago, chairman; Walter H. Cottingham, Cleveland; C. Herbert DeFosse, Worcester, Mass.; Philip B. Fouke, St. Louis; E. Oliver Fowkes, Mobile; Edwin F. Gay, Cambridge, Mass.; Charles C. Jenks, Detroit; Charles A. McCormick, New Brunswick, N. J.; Alfred H. Mulliken, Chicago; Lewis W. Parker, Greenville, S. C.; Calvin M. Smyth, Philadelphia, and A. A. Young, Ithaca, N. Y.

Preliminary count of ballots filed on referendum No. 10 "on the second report of the special committee of the chamber of commerce concerning the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce and the consular service" issued November 15, 1915. Forty-five days were allowed for voting and the referendum closed at midnight, December 30, 1915. The vote will be finally canvassed by the board of directors of the chamber at its next meeting.

The Washington headquarters of the bureau: An increase in staff and appropriations for administration, editorial work, collecting and translating foreign tariffs, distributing information, research and translation, correspondence, and handling files, supplies, etc.

875 in favor.
19 opposed.

The field service of bureau generally: Appointment of a director of the field service and enlarged appropriations, with separate appropriations for collection and exploitation of samples, geographical experts at Washington, distribution of American literature abroad, adequacy in reimbursement for traveling expenses abroad and allowances for living expenses abroad.

869 in favor.
18 opposed.

The field service bureau in Latin America: Increased appropriations for immediate and special investigations.

871 in favor.
24 opposed.

Commercial attaches: Appointment of five new commercial attaches and distinction between attaches and trade commissioners.

848 in favor.
23 opposed.

Trade commissioners: Creation of the new position of trade commissioner and appointment of commissioners to at least six countries abroad.

860 in favor.
21 opposed.

District offices of bureau: Continuance of the present eight branch offices under new appropriations.

847 in favor.
38 opposed.

Civil service in bureau's field service: Appointment and promotion of members of the field service in accordance with the civil service law.

872 in favor.
12 opposed.

The consular service: Americanization, adequate clerical assistance, elevation of eleven consular agencies to consulates and establishment of fifteen consulates where there are now no American consular representatives of any sort, and more adequate and frequent inspection of consular offices.

877 in favor.
8 opposed.

Statistics of internal commerce: Renewal of the earlier publication of these statistics by the bureau, with adequate appropriations.

866 in favor.
25 opposed.

WILLIAM W. ASTOR NOW BRITISH PEER



William Waldorf Astor, expatriated American who became a British subject sixteen years ago, has been elevated to the peerage by King George.

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Four Factories Are Planned for Erection in the Near Future at Beech Bottom.

Between twelve and fifteen million dollars will be expended in building industrial plants and coke ovens in the Beech Bottom valley above Wheeling in the near future.

In addition to the monster power plant now under construction by the American Gas and Electric Company at that point, four factories will be established by that corporation at Beech Bottom for the purpose of manufacturing the hundreds of articles used in supplying electrical equipment.

Under this head there will be erected a factory for making incandescent bulbs, and electric light shades. Another plant will be installed for the manufacture of wire and the substance for its insulation.

The other shops which will be stamping works, will turn out small articles needed for electrical supplies. The property of the American Gas and Electric Company at Beech Bottom consists of 112 acres and its plants will eventually be the largest in the world. The land northward from the site of the electrical company in the river valley, for three miles is under option.

It is also understood that a blast furnace, and a steel mill will be located in this valley. The capitalists who will construct it are millionaires from Homestead, Pa., and Wheeling.

Other Industries Reported.
The Manufacturer's Record gives the following list of new industrial activities in the state:

Logan—Jones brothers, Huntington, will expend \$100,000 for improvements at coal mines, including tipple; increases monthly capacity from 45,000 to 60,000 or more tons.

Webster county—Anthony N. Brady estate, Francis P. Garvan, manager, New York, is reported as planning development of Webster county coal and timber properties said to have been purchased from John T. McGraw of Gratton; properties include 10,000 acres on Desert fork, 6,000 acres on Point Mountain and 5,000 acres on Back fork of Elk river; lands located in valley surrounded by mountains; construct railway to Holly Junction.

Wheeling—Wheeling Mold and Foundry Company let contract to R. R. Kitchen Company to erect addition; two stories; 57x140 feet; cost \$10,000.

Roads Will Be Built.
Berkeley Springs—Morgan county court will construct two reinforced concrete arch bridges of sixty and eighty feet spans, respectively; plans by West Virginia state road bureau.

B. C. Davis, bridge engineer, Morgantown; bids to be opened January 14.

Huntington—Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, F. I. Cabell, engineer, Richmond, Va., will construct three bridges over undergrade crossing at Sixteenth and Twentieth streets also rearrange signals; this work in connection with some track improvement; all to cost about \$43,000.

Fairmont—Marion county, Union, Lincoln and Paw Paw districts, will pave roads; J. R. Wilson and H. E. Wilhelm, engineers, made preliminary surveys in Union and Lincoln districts and S. B. Miller and Frank Wilfong are making preliminary surveys in Paw Paw district; each district is authorized to issue \$200,000 to \$500,000 bonds, aggregating \$1,000,000 for the three districts.

New Schools Planned.
Industrial—State board of control is having plans prepared by H. Rus Warner, Charleston, for school three stories; brick and cut stone; cost \$35,000; bids taken about January 1.

Spencer—School board opened bids to erect school of concrete and slow burning materials; bids of following held under advisement pending action of board; Spencer Brick Company, D. E. Well, both of Spencer; John Hile, Parkersburg; Ernest Kroemer, Dayton, O.

West Liberty—State board of control plans to erect normal school; two stories; brick, stone and terra cotta; cost \$40,000; architect selected and plans started about February 1.

Wheeling—Board of education let contract to J. R. Butts Sons Company, German Bank building, Wheeling, to erect school; two stories and basement; 18x125 feet; concrete and brick; Carey roof; concrete core floor construction; steam heat; cost \$90,000; construction in March.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.
At Rules held in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, on Monday, the 27th day of December, 1915, the following order was entered:
William Morgan, plaintiff.
vs. J. R. Barnes and J. V. Thompson, defendants.
Object of Suit.
To subject the lands and personal estate of the defendants, situate in the counties of Marion, Harrison, Doddridge, Monongalia, Ohio and Weir, in the State of West Virginia, to the payment of the less by attachment for the sum of \$7865.12, and the costs of this suit, in favor of the plaintiff.
And it appearing from an affidavit filed in said cause that said J. R. Barnes and J. V. Thompson are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that they do appear within one month from the date of the first publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interests herein.
Given under my hand this 28th day of December, 1915.
I. WADE COFFMAN, Clerk.
JOHN L. HECKMEIER,
Counsel for Plaintiff.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Virginia Mine Supply Company will be held at the principal office of the company on Baltimore street in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on Tuesday, January 25th, 1916, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
J. S. RODNEY, Pres.
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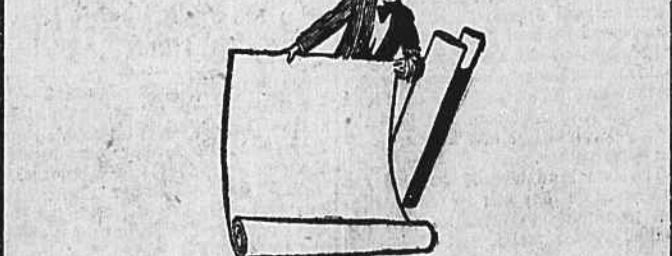
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Axminster Rugs, 27-54, big assortment.....	\$1.50
Axminster Rugs, 27-54, big assortment.....	\$2.00
Twotone Wilton, 27-54, green and tan.....	\$3.00
Body Brussels, 27-54, big assortment.....	\$2.50
Royal Wilton, 36-63, big assortment.....	\$6.50, \$7.50
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